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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: URBAN TRANSPORT (05.08):
SOVDEL TO USSR

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF 28 MAY PONOMAREV-ORSKI LETTER, PER REFS. AS REF B STATED EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE ITINERARY THAT WAS APPARENTLY WITH ORIGINAL, AND EMBASSY WILL SEND ITINERARY AS SEPTTEL AS SOON AS IT CAN BE OBTAINED. DOT CAN BE SURE THAT US-SIDE CONCERN OVER SOVIET MAIL HABITS WILL BE PRESSED UPON SOVIETS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. AT THE FIRST JOINT SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW FROM 25 AUGUST TO 1 SEPTEMBER 1975, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE HELD IN THE USA IN AUTUMN OF 1976, WITH THE CONCRETE DATE COORDINATED LATER.

3. THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP THINKS IT ADVISABLE TO HOLD THE SECOND MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND SUBMITS TO YOU A PRELIMINARY VERSION OF THE CALENDAR PLAN OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS' STAY IN THE USA. WE BEG TO CONSIDER OUR SUGGESTIONS AS A DRAFT IN WHICH YOU CAN MAKE NECESSARY ALTERATIONS, INCLUDING ALTERATIONS OF PLACES OF VISIT, MEANING MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE TIME FOR
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FAMILIARIZING WITH POSITIVE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT

OF VARIOUS TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT (HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY
TRANSPORT (BOTH RAISED AND GROUND-LEVEL), TROLLEY-BUS, BUS,
TAXI) IN CONDITIONS OF DENSE URBAN TRAFFIC.

4. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY INFORMATION, THE SOVIET DELEGATION
WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP (KNOWN TO
YOU) AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY. THE DELEGATION WILL STAY IN THE USA 12 DAYS.

5. THE INFORMATION YOU SENT TO US THROUGH MR. RAMUNDO WAS
RECEIVED AND WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. ON MY PART, I INFORM
YOU THAT THE DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED BY OUR AGREEMENT WILL BE
FORWARDED TO YOU IN JUNE - DECEMBER 1976.

6. TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY, I SEND TO YOU MY COMPLIMENTS. END
QUOTE.

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